2004 OKEFENOKEE NWR FIRE RESPONSE ZONES

These Standard Operating Procedures outline the wildland fire Initial Attack response on upland habitats surrounding the OKE. NWR.

See attached map for Zone boundaries.

Zones:

(1) Within the following general road descriptions: Double Branches Rd. to Perimeter Rd., to Ga. 177, to the NE Edge of Cow House Is., to Perimeter Rd., to Race Pond Rd., to US 1. South to Kingfisher Landing Rd., to Trail Ridge Rd., to Rogers Rd., East to Ga.121. South to Cornhouse Creek Rd., to Trail Ridge Rd., to Angel Break Rd. West on GA 94, turning into FL 2, and back to Ga. 94, to Council Rd./ Perimeter Rd. Cross the Suwannee River



to Williamsburg Rd., to Perimeter Rd., to Rd. 7, to Ed Rd., to Perimeter Rd. The NW area will use the Perimeter Rd. except were the Refuge boundary crosses. At that point the zone will follow the boundary until the Perimeter Rd. is again crossed. This will continue until reaching Double Branches Rd.

- (2) Between (1) above and the following landmarks; US 1, to Vareen Bell Hwy, east to Lee Rd, east to High Bluff Rd, south on Winokur-Mattox Rd to US 1, south to GA 121, to GA 94, SW along Cedar Creek to FL 127, through Sanderson, south on FL 229 to the Baker/Union County line, west along the county line to Olustee Creek, south to FL100, NW on FL100 to Lake City, US 441 north through Fargo to Coon Hollow Rd., to Antioch Rd., to Spooner Rd., to Rd. 1, to Rd. 3, to Swamp Road north to Waycross.
- (3) Prearranged Initial Attack area.
- (4) Outside (1) and (2) above, on the average 15 miles from Okefenokee NWR or other Federal boundary.

- (5) Osceola Ranger District and Cumberland Island National Seashore
- (6) All other areas

NOTE: Unless stated Initial Attack operations include the Refuge helicopter(s).

Zone (1) FWS initial attack forces may respond to any reported wildland fire under any fire weather condition. Any such response will be in a coordinated effort with GFC or FDOF initial attack forces. NO REQUEST FROM EITHER STATE IS NEEDED.

Zone (2) FWS initial attack forces may respond to requests from GFC or FDOF for assistance on wildland fires under fire weather conditions that threatens federal/state property. KBDI above 400 <u>OR</u> a wind direction that is pushing the fire



toward the federal/state property. A REQUEST MUST COME FROM A GFC COUNTY RANGER, FDOF FAS, OR HIGHER.

Zone (3) under extreme fire weather conditions, KBDI above 535 or during extended drought, FWS suppression resources may respond for short periods as the Initial Attack force when prearranged with CHARLTON CO. or DISTRICT 12 RANGER.

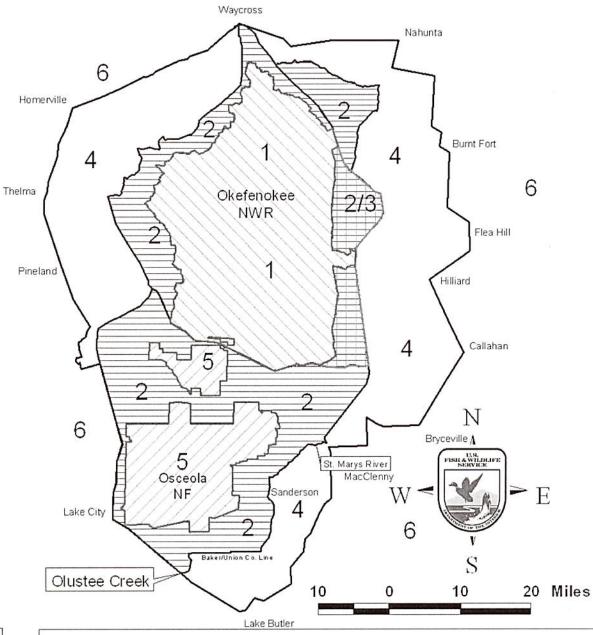
Zone (4) Threat to Life and Personal Property should be the reason for deployment of ground or aerial units. This zone effects Initial Attack Helicopter operations more than ground operations REQUEST MUST COME FROM GFC DISTRICT RANGER, FDOF DISTRICT MANAGER OR HIGHER.

Zone (5) Based on the Tri Agency Agreement, ALL REQUESTS from either the Osceola or Cumberland will be handled as if in Zone 1.

Zone (6) A formal request from the State Fire Officer with resource order and length of duty estimate must be secured for ground forces and helicopter.



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Zone 3 overlaps part of Zone 2.

Zone 5 is protection lands of Osceola NF and Cumberland Isl. NS Zone 6 is all areas outside other zones.

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